

Appendix B: Existing Water Quality Activities Related to Stormwater

Summary of Existing County Water Quality Activities Related to Stormwater

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The Solid Waste Management Program administered by Public Works distributes public education and outreach materials for waste reduction and recycling.	The Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) is a citizen advisory council on water quality and supply issues in the County.	The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division has a program for illicit cross-connections.	The County has requirements in place for on-site hazardous materials storage and controls for construction projects.	The County's General Plan, Area Plans, Local Coastal Plans, and Zoning Ordinances generally support minimization of sprawl, low impact development, "smart" zoning and infrastructure planning.	The County's Clean Air Plan addresses control of emissions and pollutant deposition affecting runoff.
The Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) provides public education and outreach materials for waste reduction, disposal of household hazardous materials, composting, and recycling.	The County Department of Planning and Building responds to public comment on projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of the environmental review process is to provide information about the environmental effects of the actions and decisions made by the County, so that environmental considerations become a part of the decision making process. The public is notified of pending actions, which may affect the environment of San Luis Obispo County.	The Public Works Utility Division provides County engineering standards for water and sewer utilities to prevent illicit cross-connections.	Construction site runoff control standards are applied under Land Use Plans, Local Coastal Plans, and Area Plans	The County's Flood Control and Water Conservation Districts manage stormwater and flood control infrastructure projects. The San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Water Resources Advisory Committee sponsors the County Master Water Plan and Urban Water Management Plan and Updates.	County airports have Phase I Industrial Permits and monitor creeks for discharges.

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Annual public water quality reports are provided by the Public Works Utilities Division for county-operated water systems.	The County complies with Brown Act requirements for public meetings.		The County provides requirements for on-site detention of stormwater	The County Department of Public Works Environmental Programs Division maintains a revegetation crew that installs and maintains erosion and sediment control measures at County project sites during the post-construction phase. The crew restores and revegetates areas affected by construction and maintenance activities and implements restoration efforts as part of larger project environmental mitigation requirements.	The County has implemented hazardous materials storage requirements for municipal operations.
The County Environmental Health Department provides water quality monitoring reports for county regulated small water systems and beach advisory reports.	County staff participate in a number of Citizen Advisory Committees and Groups that are advisory to the Board of Supervisors.		The Department of General Services Building Facilities Division manages the construction process for county-owned buildings.		The County's Morro Bay Golf Course is certified to Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Status by Audubon International. The County is seeking this certification for its Dairy Creek and Chalk Mountain Golf Courses as well. The Audubon certification includes requirements for water conservation, water quality management, environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, chemical use reduction, and outreach and education.

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The County provides a public Communitywide Results Report for water quality under the Livable Community Performance Measurements.	County Board of Supervisor meetings are broadcast on KCBX radio and Channel 21 television. Various county commission meetings are also televised.		The Planning and Building Department provides plan check for construction projects and administers the CEQA review process.		The Public Works Environmental Programs Division provides environmental protection training for road and bridge design, construction, and maintenance functions.
The County participates in the SLO County Partners for Water Conservation, an inter-agency coalition that distributes water conservation public education and outreach information.	Public noticing, public hearings, public workshops, and town hall meetings are held for many water quality and supply issues in the County.		The Public Works Environmental Programs Division manages the environmental permit process for Public Works construction projects.		The Public Works Design Division has provided extensive drainage studies for six communities within the county.
The County website provides public education and outreach information on a variety of environmental subjects.	The UC Cooperative Extension Service for SLO County provides opportunities for the public to participate in volunteer activities through the Watershed and Natural Resource, Marine Science, Master Gardeners, and 4H programs.		The Public Works Development Services Division reviews building and grading plans for drainage, erosion control, and flood hazard. Public Works design standards are applied.		The County's Cooperative Roads Program provides a means to assist landowners in paving gravel roads to reduce dust and sediment-laden runoff.
The County Agriculture Department, Environmental Protection Division conducts comprehensive programs in pesticide use, enforcement, and hazardous materials control that protect workers, public health and safety, and the environment.	SLO County Parks sponsors an Adopt-a-Park program where participants can adopt virtually any facility or feature at County parks including trails, beaches, landscaped areas, play areas, pools and others.		The Public Works Development Services Division provides plan checking and inspections required for subdivisions and development plans.		The County maintains several regional stormwater detention basins.

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The County Department of Agriculture has Pest Prevention and Management programs to prevent the introduction and spread of pests in San Luis Obispo County and protect the environment, agriculture and the public from rodents, weeds, insect pests and diseases. Public education and outreach information about alternate pest control is provided.	County Parks sponsors a number of special events and volunteer programs that the public is invited to participate in.				

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The UC Cooperative Extension Service for SLO County provides public education and outreach information through the Watershed and Natural Resource, Marine Science, Master Gardeners, and 4H programs. Farm and Home Advisors are available to provide technical information to the public.	SLO County Parks partners with other public and private organizations on community projects ranging from volunteerism and event coordination to joint management agreements involving the protection of natural areas, beaches, botanical gardens, hiking trails and more. These groups include the Sierra Club, California State Parks, SLOPOST, California Conservation Corps, Americorps National Service, Nipomo Native Garden, Los Osos/Morro Bay Chapter Small Wilderness Area Preservation, SLO Botanical Garden, The Land Conservancy, ECOSLO, and Lions International.				
The County Sheriff's Department Animal Services Division provides education, protection, and the humane treatment of animals in order to insure a safe and healthy community and to promote the benefits of responsible pet ownership.					
The County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) provides pollution prevention public education and					

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outreach information.					
SLO County Parks provides a public newsletter and special events calendar.					
SLO County Parks promotes community special events such as the Trail Construction and Maintenance Workshop by the Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers and the San Luis Obispo Botanical Gardens Garden Festival Series. Programs for kids such as fishing clinics are also provided.					
The Department of General Services Utilities Bureau provides public education and outreach information on energy and water conservation.					
The SLO City-County Library provides water quality public education and outreach information.					
The Department of Planning and Building has an extensive website that provides public education and outreach information on environmental quality, grading and drainage requirements, requirements for septic systems, and building permit requirements.					
The Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Division provides programs to					

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prevent exposure to toxic substances, diseases, unsanitary conditions, and other environmental hazards through education and enforcement. Programs include hazardous materials management, food safety, water quality, recreational water and swimming pool monitoring, and solid waste facility oversight.					
The Public Works Environmental Programs Division provides stormwater and other environmental quality public education and outreach information.					
The County participates as a member of the SLO County Partners for Water Quality, an inter-agency coalition that provides stormwater public education and outreach.					

Description of Some Key Existing County Water Quality Activities Related to Stormwater

Waste Management Public Education and Outreach. Waste management planning and education are delegated by the County to the Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA). All of the members of the County Board of Supervisors sit on the IWMA Board. The IWMA governs a wide range of waste-related issues. IWMA provides educational resources in print and on its website, attends fairs and other events to promote waste reduction and has authorized used oil recycling at the curb. The IWMA is responsible for strategies leading to the 50% source reduction and recycling equivalent that has been achieved on a countywide regional basis.